Neil A. Armstrong Middle School

Mid-Year Presentation 2013

Grade 8

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**Bristol Township School District**

**Neil A. Armstrong Middle School**

**Guidance Department**

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**District Grading Policies**

Listed below are three important components to our grading policy: **Honor Roll**, **Course Failure**, and **Failure for the Year**. Please review each one listed below:

**Honor Roll** A student will earn honor roll status if he/she maintains a "B" average in all courses. Earning a "D" or an "F" in **any course** will exclude the student from honor roll.

**Course Failure** A student will fail a full year course, regardless of the grade point average, if he/she receives one of the following: **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0; Grade of an "F" for three marking periods; Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods; or Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period.** Please read an example of each policy below:

* **Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of less than 1.0**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **D** | **D** | **D** | **F** | **.75 Fails** |

**Sample Grade Point Average (G.P.A) Calculation**

**Point Value for Letter Grades**

**A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0**

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + D = 1**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + D = 1**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 3**

**Total Point Value / Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**3 / 4 = .75 Fail course for the year**

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* **Grade of an "F" for three marking periods**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Math** | **F** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** **= 4**

**Total Point Value / Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 / 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

* **Grade of an "F" for the 3rd and 4th marking periods**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Reading** | **A** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **2.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+ A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + F = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **8**

**Total Point Value / Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**8 / 4 = 2.0 Fail course for the year**

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* **Grade of an "I" (Incomplete) for the final marking period**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **First MP** | **Second MP** | **Third MP** | **Fourth MP** | **GPA for School Year** |
| **Technology** | **A** | **F** | **F** | **I** | **1.0** |

**Point Value for the *First Term Grade\****  **+A = 4**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Second Term Grade*  + F = 0**

**\*Add it to the Point Value for the *Third Term Grade* + F = 0**

**\* Add it to the Point Value for the *Fourth Term Grade* + I = 0**

**Total Point Value** = **4**

**Total Point Value / Number of Terms = G.P.A.**

**4 / 4 = 1.0 Fail course for the year**

Remember: For **every** **“F”** earned in a marking period, a student must earn **at** **least a “C”** in a future marking period to earn the required 1.0.

**Failure for the Year**

If a student **fails more than one** **academic subject,** he/she must attend Summer School and must pass that subject (or subjects), or he/she will be retained in his/her current grade.

If a student exceeds the attendance mandate and does not attend an attendance completion program.

**Athlete Eligibility Requirement**

Student-Athlete must follow these academic grading guidelines:

**“Failing 2 or more classes** – Student-Athlete may not practice or compete in any sport. Student-Athlete may resume practice with the team, but not compete once **one** F is lifted.”

**“Failing 1 class** – Student-Athlete may not compete in any event, but may practice with the team. Student-Athlete may return to competition once final F is lifted.”

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1. **Mandated Reporting**
   1. Every administrator, teacher, teaching assistant, and counselor is required by law to report any suspected or known abuse.
   2. If you are being abused in some way, physically or verbally, you need to tell a trusted adult.
   3. If you know someone is being abused in some way, physically or verbally, you need to tell a trusted adult.
   4. If you are trying to abuse yourself in some way physically, you need to tell a trusted adult.

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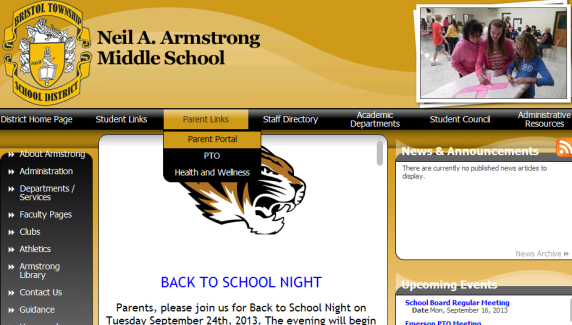
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October/November 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today I met with your child’s class to review a number of important topics such as our District’s Grading Policies, Athlete Eligibility Requirements, Mandated Reporting, and an introduction to Armstrong’s Guidance webpage *Guidance News That You Can Use* <http://guidancenewsthatyoucanuse.wikispaces.com/home>. Your child received a copy of our Grading Policies and Athlete Eligibility Requirements.

We also discussed the application process to the Bucks County Technical High School (BCTHS) for the 2014 – 2015 school year. If your child plans to apply, he/she can obtain an application by contacting the BCTHS. Within the application, there are three forms that need to be completed by Armstrong. They include: Principal, Counselor 1 and 2, and Teacher Recommendation. Please have your child turn in the Discipline and Counselor 1 and 2 forms into the Main Office and give the Teacher Recommendation form to his/her chosen teacher by **Friday, November 22, 2013**. From here, we will forward these forms along with all requested supporting documents to the BCTHS. Please make sure that you turn in the completed application to the BCTHS by their application deadline.

Keeping track of your child’s academic performance can initially seem a little challenging; fortunately, you have access to iCampus also known as the **Parent Portal** which will provide you with confidential, accurate, and current information about your child’s attendance, grades, class assignments, and much more. Just follow these simple steps:1. Log onto **Armstrong’s webpage** <http://www.btsd.us/subsite/nam>; 2. Click on ***Parent Links***; 3. Click on ***Parent Portal.*** Please contact our Guidance Secretary, Mrs. Jenelle Fleming, at 215-945-2570 to learn your Activation Key.

To read about the different kinds of information and services we offer in the Guidance Department, please click on the ***Guidance*** tab.

When you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please either call or email me at 215-945-2570; [kjones1@btsd.us](mailto:kjones1@btsd.us) so that we can work together in supporting your child’s academic and personal achievement. Thank you.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

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